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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF OCTOBER 6, 2006

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 6, 2006, without addressing whether or not the identified inventions and species are patentably distinct, Applicants elect the invention defined by the Examiner as Invention I (Claims 1-15 and 29-37 drawn to a device for containing emboli) and the species defined by the Examiner as illustrated in figures 21-21E. At least Claims 1-15 and 29-37 read on the elected invention and species. Some or all of these claims may be generic.

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